

## Community Pathways Waiver - **REVISED PROPOSAL Draft**

Service Type: Other

Service (Name):

Alternative Service Title: **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**  
(Previously- Community Learning Services)

HCBS Taxonomy:

Check as applicable

- ☐ Service is included in approved waiver. There is no change in service specifications.
- ☒ Service is included in approved waiver. The service specifications have been modified.
- ☐ Service is not included in the approved waiver.

### Service Definition:

- A. Community Development Services help individuals learn new skills and keep the skills they currently have related to their individual goals and outcomes. Services provides individuals with opportunities to engage in community based activities that support building social connections (capital), employment, socialization, life-long learning, recreation, and personal development for the purpose of:
1. Building and strengthening relationships with others in the local community who are not paid to be with the individual; ~~and~~
  2. Learning, practicing, and applying skills that promote greater independence and inclusion in their community such as using public transportation, making and keeping medical appointments;
  3. Meeting new people, making friends, and going to classes/activities for fun, fitness or to learn;
  4. Participating in local community events;
  5. Volunteering within a non-profit organization whose mission the person supports; and
  6. Training and supports designed to maintain abilities and to prevent or slow loss of skills for individuals with declining conditions.
- B. Community Development Services can also be used as supports for individuals as a retirement support based on the aging process.
- C. Personal care assistance can be provided during community activities.

### SERVICE REQUIREMENTS:

- A. Community Development Services is a day service.
- B. Community Development Services can be provided in a variety of settings in the community and includes volunteering.
- ~~C. Community Development Services shall include formal strategies for teaching techniques so the individual can achieve their intended outcome.~~

~~D.C.~~ Community Development Services are intended to be different and separate from residential services ~~with the exception of retirement services~~. Individuals may return home during periods of the day to support personal care, health, emotional, and behavioral needs as indicated in the person-centered plan.

~~E.D.~~ Community Development Services are meant to provide ~~intensive~~ support to help individuals become more independent and to be engaged in their community without ongoing staff support.

~~F.~~ ~~Each individual will have an individual activity schedule based on their preferences, interested, and choice that supports integration in and access to the community. Activity plans must be updated and corrected based on actual activity.~~

~~G.E.~~ Personal care assistance may not comprise the entirety of the service.

~~H.F.~~ A person-centered plan may include a mix of employment and day related waiver services such as Day Habilitation, Transitional Employment Services, ~~Employment Discovery and Customization~~, and ~~Supported~~ Employment Supports provided at different times.

~~I.G.~~ Service may be provided in groups of no more than four (4) individuals with developmental disabilities, all of whom have similar interests and goals as outlined in their person-centered plan except in the case of self-advocacy groups.

~~J.H.~~ Transportation to and from and within the day activities will be provided or arranged by the licensed provider and funded through the rate system. The licensee shall use the mode of transportation which achieves the least costly, and most appropriate, means of transportation for the individual with priority given to the use of public transportation when appropriate.

~~K.~~ ~~Community Development Services may include professional services not otherwise available under the individual's private health insurance (if applicable), the Medicaid State Plan, or through other resources.~~

~~L.~~ I. An individualized schedule will be used to provide an estimate of what the individual will do and where the individual will spend their time when in this service. Updates should be made as needed to meet the changing needs, desires and circumstances of the individual. The individualized schedule will be based on a person-centered plan that clearly outlines how this time would be used. A retirement plan should estimate what the individual will do and where the individual spends their time. Some of their time can be in their home and some doing typical community activities their peers who are also retired are doing. The schedule should be fluid and very general for retirement to offer flexibility.

~~J.~~ A relative or legal guardian (who is not a spouse or legally responsible person) of an individual recipient participating in Self-Directed Services may be paid to provide this service, provided however, the DDA pre-approves such payment in accordance with the applicable requirements set forth in Section C-2.

~~K.~~ The service is billed on an hourly rate.

**Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:**

~~Community Development Services are provided Monday through Friday only.~~

Community Development Services may not exceed a maximum of eight (8) hours per day (including other Transitional Employment, Employment Supports ~~Discovery and Customization~~ and Day Habilitation services).

**Service Delivery Method (check each that applies)**

- ☐ X Participant Directed as specified in Appendix E  
☒ X Provider Managed

**Specify whether the service may be provided by (check all that applies):**

- ☐ Legally Responsible Person  
☒ X Relative  
☒ X Legal Guardian

**Provider Specifications:** (Instructions list the following for each type of provider that can deliver the services):

Provider Category	Provider Type Title
Individual	Individual – for self-directed services
Agency	DDA <del>Certified</del> <u>Approved</u> Community Development Supports Provider

**Provider Category:** Individual

**Provider Type:** Individual for self-directed services

**Provider Qualifications License (specify):**

**License (specify):**

**Certificate (specify):**

**Other Standard (specify):**

1. The following minimum standards are required:

- a. Current first aid and CPR training and current certification
- b. Passing a criminal background investigation
- c. Unlicensed staff paid to administer medication and/or perform treatments must be certified by the Maryland Board of Nursing (MBON) as Medication Technicians.

~~1.2.~~ Individuals in self-directing services, as the employer, ~~determine staff specific requirements and~~ may require additional ~~staffing provider~~ requirements based on their preferences and level of needs such as:

- ~~a. Current first aid and CPR training and certification~~
- ~~b. a.~~ Training by individual/family on individual-specific information (including preferences, positive behavior supports, when needed, and disability-specific information)
- ~~c. a. Passing a criminal background investigation~~
- ~~d. Signing a self-directed provider agreement verifying qualifications and articulating expectations~~

~~Unlicensed staff paid to administer medication and/or perform treatments must be certified by the Maryland Board of Nursing (MBON) as Medication Technicians.~~

## Verification of Provider Qualifications Entity

### Responsible for Verification:

- Fiscal Management Service providers for verification of participant specific qualifications

### Frequency of Verification:

- Fiscal Management Services - prior to service delivery and annually

<b>Provider Category:</b> Agency
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**Provider Type:** DDA ~~Certified~~ Approved Community Development Supports Provider

**Provider Qualifications License (specify):**

**License (specify):**

**Certificate (specify):**

~~DDA Certified Community Development Supports Provider~~

**Other Standard (specify):**

~~DDA Certified~~ Approved Community Development Supports Provider

Staff must possess appropriate licenses/certifications as required by law-regulation based on service provided and needs of the individual at time of service.

## Verification of Provider Qualifications Entity

### Responsible for Verification:

- DDA for license
- Provider for staff licenses, certifications, and training

### Frequency of Verification:

- DDA – annual for license
- Provider – prior to service delivery